CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re* : *Affairs of the Amalgamated Electric Co , Ltd., Belgaum.*

SRI B. B SAYANAK (Belganm): - Sir, I call the attention of the Hon, Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs to the " Go slow tactics" adopted by the workers of the Amalgamated Electric Company Limited, Belgaum.

SRI D. PARMESHWARAPPA (Deputy Minister for Major Irrigation and Electricity:—Sir, in response to the call attention by the Hon. Member, I beg to state as follows:

The Amalgamated Electric Company Limited, is a licence under the Electricity Act of 1910 to supply power to the Belgaum town only. It is not agency for the generation of power. The power that is supplied by the Company to the consumers in Belgaum town *i.e.*, the licenced area is purchased by it in bulk from the Mysore State Electricity Board.

The Management have written to the Commissioner of Lahour alleging that the workers have resorted to ' go slow ' tactics and as a result of this, the company's work has run to heavy arrears. The local Labour Officer held enquiries into this. The Union is reported to have refuted the allegation of the management that there has been slowing down of work as alleged by the management and that they have resorted to " work to rule ' only. Since the Labour Officer was unable to bring about an amicable settlement between the parties, Deputy Labour Commissioner, Belgaum Division has been asked to enquire into the matter and endeavour to bring about a settlement and submit a report in this behalf. His report is awaited. The situation is being watched.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK:—Sir, there is no mention about the National Tribunals award. The reason for g slow tactics by the workers there is due to the fact that the management has not respected the award of National Tribunal. I request the Government to force the management to accept and implement the National Tribunal award.

SRI D. PARAMESWRAPPA:—As a matter of fact, the award of the National Industrial Tribunal has not expired and during the pendency of the award the workmen have resorted this go slow tactics.

SRI AZIEZ SAIT:—The Hon. Deputy Minister was pleased to say that there is a National Industrial Tribunal award. He also said that the Deputy Commissioner has been asked to look into the matter and bring about an amicable settlement. Before he can look into the matter and submit an interim report, how do you conclude that the workers have taken to the go slow tactics?

SRI D. PARAMESWARAPPA:—All earnest efforts are made to bring about an amicable settlement but no amicable settlement has been possible. As I stated before, in spite of the award of the National Industrial Tribunal, the workmen have resorted to go slow tactics. That is the report.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK:—There are so many contracts pending in the company. May I know whether the Government is going to request the company to hand over these contracts to the lincensed electrical agent and to increase the number of workers?

SRI D. PARAMESWARAPPA:—As far as I know, this contract is in force till 1972. Then the question will arise whether the Government should take over this undertaking or not.

(*ii*) *re: RSS volunteers attack on persons in Nagamangala*

SRI AZIZ SAIT:—Sir, I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the R. S. S. volunteers' attack on some persons who were witnessing the Kabadi match at Nagamangala.

SRI MANIK RAO PATIL (Deputy Minister for Home):—Sir, It is not a fact that the R.S.S.S volunteers numbering about 1500 attacked the persons who were witnessing the Kabadi Match at Nagamangala. It is reported that on 27th September 1970, the finals of the Kabadi match of the Dasara Taluk Level Committee took place between Shivaji Team and Star Team. When the referee gave a decision in favour of Shivaji Team, Shri Nazeer Ahmed, Municipal President, as well as the president of the tournament, Nagamangala, took away the prizes kept for distribution, to the Municipal Office. This resulted in a commotion and about 200-300 persons pelted stones and forced Shri Nazeer Ahmed to come out of the Office and apologise for his action. As a result of stone throwing, one Head Constable and one Police Constable who were on bandobust duty sustained injuries. Four street lights were damaged near the Bus Stand. The agitators damaged the Fruit shop of Shri Nazeer Ahmed in the Bus Stand. The local police took immediate action to disperse the mob. On receipt of the information regarding the incident, the Superintendent of Police, Mandya District, rushed to the spot with a party of District Armed Reserve and brought the situation under control. On the complaint